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As below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURE DISTRIBUTION OF DIGITAL PRODUCTS**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief the facts stated therein are true.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign applications for patent or Inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or Inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of the following United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this Application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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